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AMENDMENT B AFTER FINAL REJECTION

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

A final Office action in this case was mailed September 26, 2002 with a three-month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to reply to the Office action. Also submitted herewith is a Notice of Appeal for this case.

In response to the final Office action mailed September 26, 2002, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 31-33 without prejudice to the patentability thereof.

Remarks

The Office action mailed September 26, 2002 is a final rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 11, 14, 16, 31, 32, and 34-36. This Amendment B is being submitted along with a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Cancellation of claims 31-33 is the only change introduced herein. Because no